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by deleting all language after the enacting clause and substituting instead the following:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 6, Part 40, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

(a) Each local board of education and charter school governing body shall adopt a comprehensive code of conduct, in addition to the student code of conduct, for each school under the authority of the board or governing body that describes the types of behavior expected from all persons, excluding students, entering on school grounds or attending school-sponsored events or activities, including, but not limited to, teachers, school employees, parents, and visitors. Each code must emphasize the importance of:

(1) Respect for the person and property of others; and

(2) Establishing and maintaining a safe, secure, and peaceful educational setting that promotes learning and positive character development through obedience to the rules and policies of the individual school, the local board of education, or the charter school governing body.

(b) The codes of conduct adopted by a local board of education or charter school governing body must describe the types of behavior expected from any person, who is not a student, entering on school grounds or attending school-sponsored events or activities and the consequences of a person's failure to adhere to the standards. The consequences may include any action necessary to maintain the safety of students and staff, which include, but are not limited to, imposing conditions on the person's ability to enter on schools grounds or attend school-sponsored events or activities in the future, and prohibiting the person from entering on school grounds or attending school-



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sponsored events or activities. The principal of each school must apply the school's code of conduct uniformly and fairly without partiality or discrimination.

(c) Each local board of education or charter school governing body may elect to adopt different, but consistent, codes of conduct applicable to:

(1) Different classes of schools, such as elementary, middle, junior high, and senior high schools under the jurisdiction of the local board of education or charter school governing body; and

(2) Different categories of persons, excluding students, entering on school grounds or attending school-sponsored events and activities, such as teachers, school employees, parents, and visitors, taking into consideration the reason for the person's presence on school grounds.

(d) Each local board of education or charter school governing body shall, for each school under the authority of the board or governing body:

(1) Post a copy of the code of conduct adopted for the school pursuant to this section on the school's, LEA's, or charter school governing body's website;

(2) Supply a copy of the code of conduct adopted for the school pursuant to this section to all students, teachers, counselors, administrative staff, and employees of the school;

(3) Post the code of conduct adopted for the school pursuant to this section, along with the telephone number of a member of the school's administration who can answer questions regarding the school's code of conduct, prominently at each school entrance; and

(4) Provide parents and guardians of students enrolled at the school with a printed copy of the school's code of conduct for all persons, excluding students, entering on school grounds or attending school-sponsored events or activities, along with the telephone number of a member of the school's administration who can answer questions regarding the code of conduct, so that the student's parent or guardian may acknowledge that the parent or guardian has read and

understands the code of conduct that will be enforced at the school. The local board of education or charter school governing body shall not require an acknowledgement under this subdivision (d)(4) as a condition of enrollment.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.